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## **Civil Rights Training**

### **Overview**

#### Introduction

WIC contract agencies and the state WIC office have specific roles in civil rights training.

# State WIC office role

The state WIC agency is responsible for:

- Training state agency staff and local agency staff who are responsible for training their clinic staff, and
- Monitoring agency compliance with training requirements as part of its onsite administrative and agency office reviews.

# Local agency role

Local WIC agencies are required to provide civil rights training as part of their orientation program for new employees and annually thereafter. The training must include a review of:

- Public notification and outreach.
- Data collection.
- Compliance reviews, and
- Procedures for handling complaints.

Specific subject matter must include, but not be limited to:

- Collection and use of data;
- Effective public notification systems;
- Complaint procedures;
- Compliance review techniques;
- Resolution of noncompliance;
- Requirements for reasonable accommodations of persons with disabilities;
- Requirements for language assistance;
- Conflict resolution; and
- Customer service.

Additional training must be provided whenever new legislation or regulations are implemented. See Policy 300.10 for more information about this and other training requirements.

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## **Training Resource**

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The local and state agency must use the Civil Rights Training that can be found on the Iowa WIC Website at the following address:

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/wic/Agencies.aspx?SubPg=Training

#### References

WIC Federal Regulations, 7CFR Chapter 11, 246.8(2), FNS Instruction 113, and Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act, 1964.